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For: SETS OF GENERALIZED TARGET-BINDING E-TAG PROBES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 28 March 2002 and preliminary to the examination of this Continuing Prosecution Application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

AS **Page 4, line 10,** immediately below the section heading "Summary of the Invention," please ~~insert~~ insert the following amended paragraphs from parent application 09/698,846:

--Methods and compounds are provided for multiplexed determinations, where the compounds can be linked to binding compounds for detection of reciprocal binding compounds in a sample. The methods are distinguished by having a plurality of binding events in a single